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HELP FOR BAKERSFIELD SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

State Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard is hosting a free, one-day tax fair for Bakersfield area small businesses on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 801 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield.

“Many small business owners are overwhelmed by tax laws and reporting requirements. This fair brings together the state, federal, and local government representatives who can answer questions and help small business owners through the red tape,” said Board Member Leonard.

The fair will include presentations by the Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Administration, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies.

The small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, followed at 9 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Leonard. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- Common Errors in Sales Tax Reporting
- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- Understanding Your Business Property Statement
- Small Business and Income Taxes
- IRS/EDD Employment Status
- Financing Your Business
- Verifying Social Security Numbers/Wage Reporting

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